

EXTRACTS.

A STORY FOR THE ROAD, AND A RUMOR FOR THE LIFE.

(Read by Professor Phileas, on Wednesday, 11th April, at the residence of Mr. Semor.)

A song for the road, and a rumour for the life.

Received from a lady old man, Tom.

Fear God, and march on, and make war to the knife.

When the enemy crosses your path, Tom.

For life is a journey, in this foot it lies.

There are dangers enough in your track, Tom.

Still keep a sharp outlook, and show a bold face.

Of the foe will be soon on your back, Tom.

For this is the time, when I wish you to know.

Blow down the wind when you look back, Tom.

We live, while we live, by the pick that we show.

And if we don't stand, we must die from the foe.

And fall with a snarl in the back, Tom.

You see you have been that come up to the sky.

So sagged and grained and crumpled, Tom.

The worst of all words in the language is—But,

For what you say, you say, and you say, Tom.

That man's monstrous comes in the way, Tom.

The answer that make you a man, Tom.

It is not to dare, but not to please at all.

A lion to meet, when you face, Tom.

It may suit you to ride, but a ride may fall.

So you sit and you sit in your chair, Tom.

For this, do.

Some people's devotion delights in this action.

Of heaven, that when we get there, Tom.

We have nothing to do but to float in the blue.

And a sea of clouds to float in the blue.

If it is so in the sky, we shall know by and by.

But on earth, the world is a different story.

Where the battle was fought, a house of delight.

Than the laurels we wear on the brow, Tom.

For this, do.

The end of all living is simply to live.

In what Aristotle would say, Tom.

And from the forehead by labor to give.

A such to him the most excellent way, Tom.

The better is all that we can do for a hour.

But to fashion great thoughts into deeds is the down.

God gave to high-spirited man, Tom.

For this, do.

If you shrink from danger where valor avails.

There's nothing can stand in your way, Tom.

You may start, like a stone, a splinter of rail.

And be king of the people some day, Tom.

The Romans were lords of the sea and the land.

And what was the reason of it, Tom.

At the word of command, they marched on sword in hand.

And they laid all their enemies flat, Tom.

For this, do.

My sermon is done—still rejoice in the words.

That the travel of life may stand, Tom.

Put foot after foot; never number the miles.

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MONACO.

It can be no news, even to those who are not habitual students of the "Almanach de Monaco," that Monaco is a highly conspicuous principality, and that its strategic position, to most intents and purposes, is regarded as a Prince's power—a burlesque potentate, as generally absurd, in fact, as the "Roi de l'Égypte," and "Kings of Brantford" of fiction. Monaco has continued to exist for the reason that, hitherto, it has not been worth the while of any European Power to abolish the grotesque dominion of Prince Charles. Now it is worth the while of Napoleon I. in the century, to "mediate" some three score petty German Princes whose ridiculous autonomy was a perpetual source of trouble in the Rhine provinces, and to compensate them by the grant in fee simple of a model principality for the purpose of "showing" the monarchs of Europe.

In like manner, it is Prince Bismarck in 1866 and 1870, still closer to dip the claws of the trumphy Landgraves and Dukes whom Heinrich Heine has qualified some years previously as "sticking like mail to the soles of the German traveller's boots." How Lichtenstein escaped by the "accident" of accident, the general organization, and how that microscopic principality still resides in the immunity of disdain in her corner between Austria and German territory, are still a matter for jesting among Continental statesmen and diplomats. Lichtenstein is, however, a wholly harmless little place; as harmless as the Republic of San Marino, or the Val d'Aoste, or as that "quaint mythical" Republic of San Marino, which some American travellers declare to be yet extant somewhere in the south-west, the Joneses studiously declining to acknowledge the bond of a federal union with the States. Politically, Monaco is to the full as innocuous as "Power" as any of the small free principalities that have been referred to; and of the first blush opinion is not called upon to bestow more than a smile on the droll statistics concerning the administration of the principality, just published in the "Almanach de Monaco."

From this highly important compendium we will, among other items, the information that Prince Charles is not fewer than two Emperors Extraordinary, and Ministers Plenipotentiaries to foreign Courts, and that Monaco has besides nearly fifty consuls and vice-consuls in foreign parts. There is, besides, a Governor-General of the little town perched upon its rock, and the half-Moorish, half-medieval castle of which so proudly dominates the Bay of La Condamine. There is a Prince-Minister, a Secretary of State, a Chancellor of "Order of St. Charles," and a Bishop of Monaco. There is a Captain of the Port, an editor of the "Official Journal," and a single "Artillery Guardman"—a warrior who, in his isolated duty, recalls the memory of the solitary bombardier maintained by her Majesty's Office of Ordnance at Brighton until the solitary battery on the Kings Road was dismantled to clear the ground before the Grand Hotel. Prince Charles maintains likewise a police force, of a dozen "agents," and eight-and-twenty gentlemen, while his standing army consists of four officers, five non-commissioned officers, and sixty-three rank and file. Such is the "state" of the principality, to which must be added an increasing establishment of court physicians, chamberlains, aides-de-camp, chaplains, and ladies of honour.

All this, while it may excite a little derision, does not necessarily call for independent comment until it is remembered that, albeit politically null and impotent, the principality of Monaco is so-called the most mischievous little snip's nest in Europe. Monaco, to those who are not to be deceived, is a place of refuge for the most notorious, contented men, whose ancestors were pirates, and whose immediate progenitors were fishermen; but who, as things go, are as virtuous and happy as need be. Bread is cheap in Monaco; oranges, grapes, and almonds are to be had well nigh for the asking. Monaco is a place of refuge for the most notorious, contented men, whose ancestors were pirates, and whose immediate progenitors were fishermen; but who, as things go, are as virtuous and happy as need be. Bread is cheap in Monaco; oranges, grapes, and almonds are to be had well nigh for the asking.

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HONGKONG MARKETS.

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